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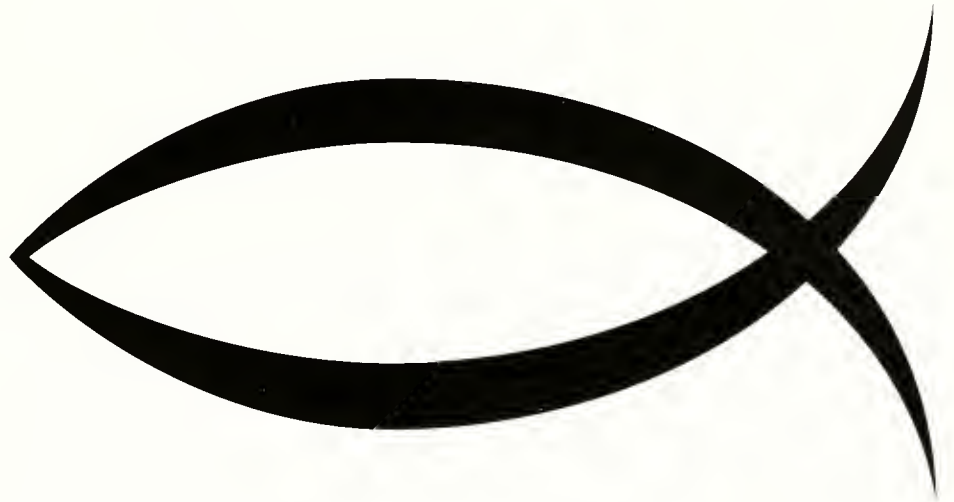
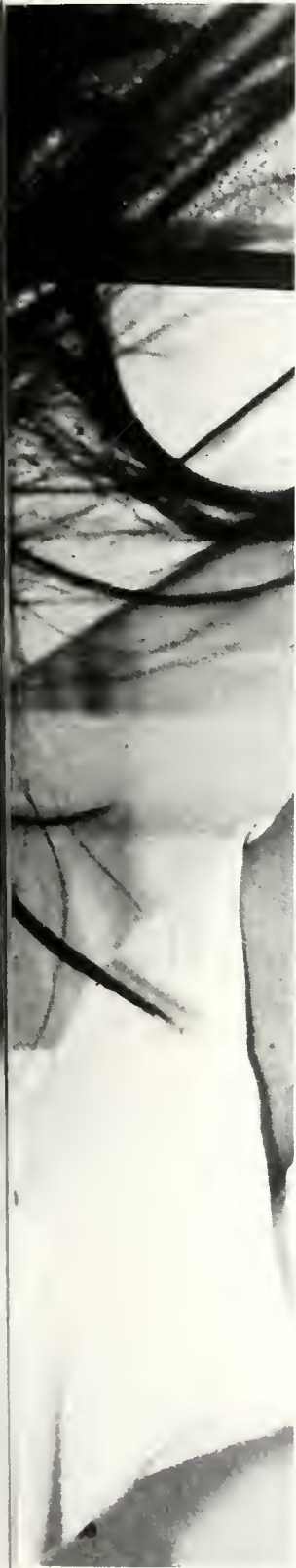


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Theme Page



The commercial says "Different is Good." The Bible says to be "in this world, but not of it." But being different isn't always easy; it's plain hard work. No matter how difficult, that's what Taylor Fort Wayne is about. A difference that shows. In classes and out, having fun or working hard. Taylor students are making a difference, going against the current and changing the world around them.

Sarah Miretti



The Multicultural Council has taken an active role in urban engagement this year.

A task force was set up to provide faith learning and service within the urban areas of our city. Students have been involved with service projects throughout the year.

These projects have taken them out of their comfort zones, forcing them to go against the flow of their every day lives.



Neighborhood children enjoy the activities and prizes at the Harvest Carnival. (bottom left)

Emphasis



Roblyn Sligh uses her beautiful voice to bless those in chapel. (right)



Russ Pawlowski, Bryan Narwich, and Courtney Heiser watch the Fort Wayne sunset from Larez hill.(right)

Student Life



College is a time to grow, learn, and build a foundation for a solid future. College isn't only about academics, though. What we will remember the most from our four years at Taylor University is the laughter. We will remember talking until crazy hours of the night, eating out to escape cafeteria food, and picnics at Foster Park. Together we grow as one unified body in Christ, as we strive to be unique - set apart from the world. The memories we make and the experiences we share hold us together while we press on to go against the flow.



Probably the most important event in any college student's life is graduation. This year more than fifty students walked the aisle to receive their diploma and towel, closing one chapter of their lives and opening new ones. For some it was a new job, for others, marriage, but for all, it was a big moment. Congratulations, class of 1997!



How Kindsgrap holds back a smile as he waits to walk.



Cije Beers is ready to celebrate!



Timothy Deardorff receives his sash from Dr. Bob at the senior brunch.



Matt Demorest and his wife, Stephanie, let their joy show.

Activities



No robe in the world could hide Michelle Mendez's personality.



Ben Huffman does his impression of The Lion King.



Class vice-president Renae Nette reads the scripture.



Jen Neild, left, and Jacy Galilee flash the smiles that have characterized their friendship.

Planned

As always, SAC was busy this spring, coordinating activities for the student body. Students engaged in all kinds of events including rollerskating and live music in a coffee house setting. Those who attended the Valentine's Banquet enjoyed great food and beautiful decorations. SAC also organized an afternoon of ice skating and a movie entitled, "That Thing You Do," on Witmer lawn. SAC events proved to be a great opportunity for students to get acquainted with other students on and off campus.

Courtney Heiser



Who needs a bowling ball when you have these crazy women of Hausser? (From bottom left: Erica Yoder, Jen Woolever, Cassie Dittmer, Jen Oertner and Shawna Hickman)



Sandy Olenik gets ready to bowl a strike!



Airband is more than fun Mendenhall. Amy Duplain



Hausser wing members appreciate the value of time scheduled with

Activities



and games to Amy
and Mary Besecker.



Elizabeth Broadhead, Polly Arnold, Jess Kinghorn and Charisa Priety
show their school spirit.



each other.



A wing activity gives these women a chance to show off their Twister skills.

Unplanned

While some students spent their spring break doing mission's work, others relaxed at home, at a friend's house, or in warm, exotic vacation spots. Spring break was a wonderful time to rest and catch up on homework. Sarah Miretti spent a week at home with her family, fishing with her brothers and celebrating birthdays. Phillipsun Kim, Mason Schumann and Phil Hutson ventured to southern Florida for a week of fun in the sun. Nuria Sanchez followed their lead and also basked in the sunshine. Students returned to Fort Wayne re-charged and ready to finish the semester.

Courtney Heiser



Left to right, Heather Gunderson and Melissa Stump capture the moment at their bonding spot of first floor Witmer



Left to right, Charissa Piety, Tricia Kortz, Tisha Hubbard and Mirielle Beauchaine have night out on the town in their best clothes.

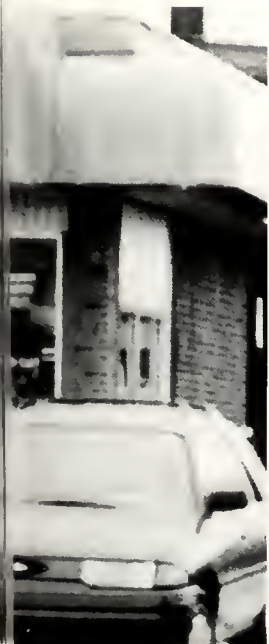
Rare footage of secret TUFW student hangout, Yum Yum Doughnuts, where the coffee is hot and the walls are yellow.



Activities



Top to bottom, left to right, Nathan Strunk, Flip Henry, and Dave Arnold rub Tim May's head for good luck outside Toys "R" Us.



Top to bottom, left to right, Kevin DeVries, Dave Sylvester, Lisa Hiller, and Cathy Hoover pose outside one of their favorite hangouts, Big Horn Diner

Planned



Christina Beck with clowns around.

Vaneesa Furlick, Rachel Erkel and Sarah Gross bring Christmas cheer.



Brothers, sisters and other family members enjoy a picnic on the



Activities



lawn during sibling weekend.

Too hot to handle. Liz Rhine, Bryan Narwich, Courtney Heiser, Scott Hutchinson and Leah Pennington dress up for Don's farewell dinner.



Student Organizations



Holy Horning. Little Jim displays the softer side of RA leadership.

Taylor's front-line recruiters, the PTS team show their charms.





Senior class president Renae Arnett pauses from her duties to pose.

L.I.T. (Leaders In Training). The Student Leaders of 1997-1998 learn and grow closer to one another.



Student Organizations



Kent Morton ponders TWO's latest trip.



Dick Baxter makes yet another chocolate run for stressed out students.



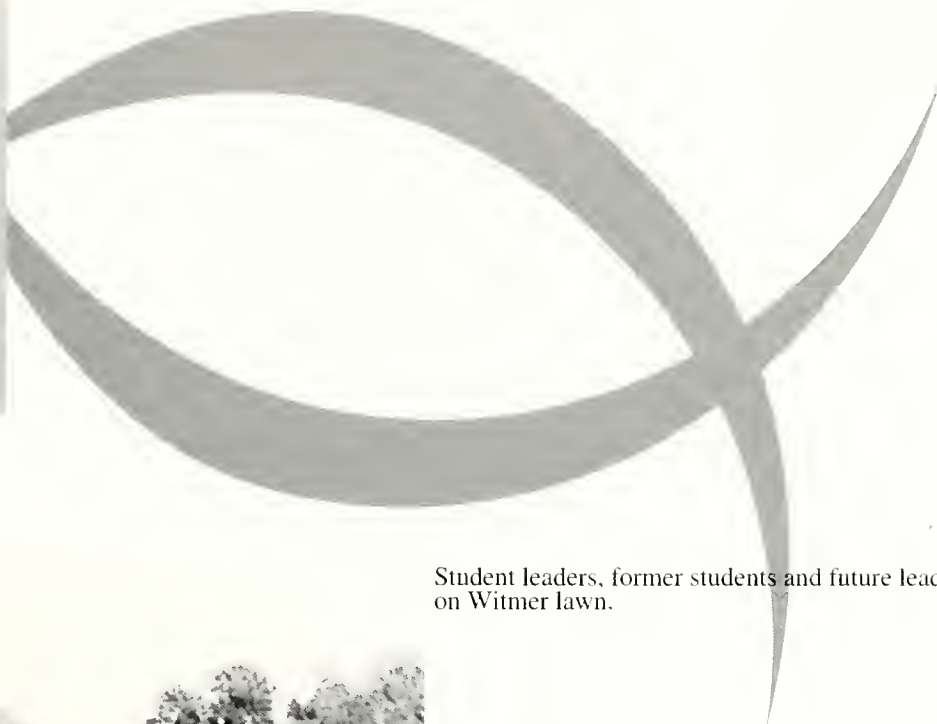
Treasurer Karl Koepp crunches more

Amy Duplain takes a break.





numbers.



Student leaders, former students and future leaders pose on Witmer lawn.



Schultz

Floods and flying birds are what Schultz Hall residents were faced with this year. As always, students living in Schultz enjoyed an exciting year full of surprises and wonder. Each student contributed his or her own special touch to dorm life.

Ryan Chrisman made the residence hall more colorful with his many different hairstyles and shades.

Sandy Olenick and Polly Arnold seemed to keep the men of Schultz in line with their headstrong ways.

The many musicians of Schultz including Dave Arnold, Kevin Devries, Bryan Narwich, Eric Dunnaway and Erich Wennberg also added their talent as they practiced their instruments at all hours of the night.

"The girls in the dorm say that they won't be shocked by anything in marriage because they've already had the experience of living with 50 plus men," said Lisa Hiller.

The men, on the other hand, consider it a privilege to have lived an entire floor of wonderful women.



Warren Groscost, Mark Johnson and Cody Smith take a break from their T-wing fun. (above)



Dan Wilkinson shares a 'word' on his portable phone in Schultz Hall.(above, center)



Polly Arnold and Jenelle Krnc put away the usual college gear for a formal event. (right)



Hall



Sandy Olenik, Polly Arnold, Phil Hutson, Eric Dunaway and Scott Hutchinson turn Schultz Hall upside down.



Schultz Hall ladies Lisa Hiller, Joy Davis and Sandy Olenik flash angelic smiles.



Hausser

The halls of Hausser are hardly hallowed. In fact, they are usually buzzing with noise and excitement until all hours of the morning.

Upstairs, Taryn Roynon, Traci Todd and Angela Schumacher can often be seen, but not always recognized in their many costumes.

Mireille Beauchaine is known for practicing gymnastics, using the brick walls for support, while Cammy Ulrich, Amanda Winans and Melissa Smead are up to something mischievous in their corner of the hall.

Downstairs, those wild freshman, Minta Woll, Teresa Pancake, and Kelly DeWald keep the volume up.

Luckily, upper classmen such as Deb Fox, Shani Gray, Sarah A. Burke and Sarah C. Burke balance things out. It never gets out of hand on their side of the hall.

If you hear a high-pitched scream while passing through, don't worry; it's just Carrye Smith, probably being tormented by her roommate Beth Dew.

All together, the sounds of Hausser are sometimes loud, often crazy, and always interesting.

Courtney Heiser



Angela Schumacher, Taren Roynon and Tracy Todd reveal their true style to the Hausser girls. (top, right)

Shani Gray looks over her award for having the cleanest room. (top, left)

Second Hausser South smiles for the camera. (right, center)

Hausser Happiness - Phillsun Kim and Ellie Wylonis flash their best smiles. (right)



Wiebke House

The stereotype of the men of Wiebke House is that of people who are quiet and reserved. This year, however, these residents proved otherwise.

Jim Horning took over as R.A. this year, bringing some crazy, fun guys with him. Shawn Cline, Vitaly Franco and Karl Keopp all added excitement to this "quiet" house. Dick "Dogg" Carpenter, Kent Morton, Steve Spallinger and Jeremy Ashworth also added to the Wiebke House crew.



The men of Wiebke enjoyed the benefits of living in the house.

Kent Morton commented, "the advantages of living in Wiebke include privacy and the cool

place to stay."



Dick "Dogg" Carpenter howls at his computer. (top) Smiles on and ties straight, Jim Horning, Shawn Hicks and Lance Stiver are ready for Chef Don's special dinner.

Meyer House

Taylor opened additional housing for the male students this year. Meyer house, located behind Founder's Hall, was bustling with young men eager to learn and to play. Matt Conner, Ben Polhemus, John Engler and Matt Powell didn't complain when they were required to re-locate.

Meyer house provided a quiet place for the guys to study and rest. You could also find most of the guys practicing floor hockey in the house, in their spare time of course.

It was a fun year for these few men who managed to escape residence hall life.

Courtney Heiser



Ben Polhemus and Jeremy DuCheny make a hug sandwich with Jon Engler as the middle.

Taking a break from their Spanish homework, Matt Powell and Jeremy DuCheny grin at Tim May.



Commuters

Canteen-boy Adam Carrigan shares a smile with Drew Kreager.



Commuter Ciara Wade works on on-campus-off-campus student relations with Polly Arnold.

Living on campus has its benefits, but from talking to some of Taylor's commuter students, living off has perks, too.

"It's given me a chance to become more aware of the community around me," said senior Nate Hoot. "It lets me see the real world better." Fellow commuter Bob Hamilton agrees. "Commuting's wonderful because you can choose when you're on campus. For me it's easier to relax."

"You're more free to do what you want to do," reiterated Patti Wasmuth.



Kyle Zimmerman mugs for the camera.



Academic Life



At TUFW learning is about more than just sitting in a classroom and reading a textbook. It's about combining faith and

learning. Becoming a lawyer who combines God's law with state law or a journalist who understands Biblical communication

principles are just a couple of the ways faith and learning are integrated at TUFW. Lessons range from class lectures to hands-on

training. Whatever the method, TUFW's approach to academics is anything but typical. Here we are taught to become godly men and

women in the real world, learning to go against the world's norms and become unique, educated and prepared to fulfill God's call.

These are the goals of Taylor's academic department.

Elizabeth Rhine



Out of Class



Dr. John Schutt is in his element.



Dave Sylvester gives his approval to Professor Vermilion's latest field trip



Dr. Schutt takes his classroom to the roadside, as his students enjoy sunshine and geography at the same time.



Sarah Miretti and Hermalena Mines enjoy a break while on a Desktop field trip.



The 1996-1997 publications classes take a trip to Casa's to celebrate the end of another school year and some students received plaques for their award-winning work.

Public Relations

"Relationships. All PR boils down to relationships," emphasized Professor Mark Vermilion to several of his classes. For many of the students listening, this point has been very true.

This year many PR majors grew closer through the torments of the Mac lab and other shared experiences such as field trips. "My favorite memory of this year was when Mark Vermilion's van ran into the car Nate was driving on our field trip," laughed Liz Rhine, a sophomore PR major. Courtney Heiser, another sophomore, agrees. "It was as funny as me breaking the door off the van in Indy." From the latest "revised, revised" syllabus to hours spent on desktop assignments, or the "eagle eye" of Dr. Hensley, the public relations major really has been about relationships.



Seniors Lance Stiver, Nate Hoot, Hans Kindsgrab and Tui Walcott pose for a snapshot with Professor Smith and Cal Thomas.

Sarah Miretti



PR majors Mason Shewman, Courtney Heiser, and Elizabeth Rhine pose with Russ Pawlowski to remember their night of bowling fun.



Professor Mark Vermilion initiates intensive interaction involving individuals in Interpersonal Communication.

Journalism



Professor Michael Smith illustrates the latest point in one of his textbook. (left)

The eye of the tiger relaxes. Dr. Hensley and Erin Varnell enjoy a moment together. (below)



With new leadership in the chair, the relatively young journalism major is well on its way to becoming a staple in TUFW's communication arts department.

"Among the highlights this semester was seeing that very first copy of the very first paper by the very first staff of the first newspaper in Taylor Fort Wayne history," noted energetic Professor Michael Smith.

But Professor Smith isn't the only strength of the journalism major. For the second year in a row, Dr. Dennis Hensley brought his colorful editing pens and dedication to the quality of his teaching.

Finishing the triangle is Mark Vermilion with his love for communication showing in every class.

Professor Michael Smith summed it up best.. "I think of us as a blend, a triad: we three wiseguys can make a significant contribution to a students' education."

And education, after all, is what we're all here for.

Sarah Miretti



TUFW and TUU seniors pose for a shot during their senior seminar trip to Washington D.C.



Business as usual for Warren Groscost.



Dr. Mitchell pauses from grading to offer a friendly hello.



Nuria Sanchez crams for her latest Dr. Hadley Mitchell examination.



Phillsun Kim practices her classroom business skills.



Business & Accounting

With the new accounting major in place and changes being made, some great stuff is going on in the business department.

As the academics of the business and accounting majors become more rigorous, students are rising to the challenge. For one professor, it's a learning experience. "Seeing students that didn't think they could succeed in a rigorous environment do so is incredible," said Professor Bob Aldridge. "Having some of these students thank me for it is absolutely heart wrenching. It makes my life, not just , day."

For senior, Nuria Sanchez, the great stuff has been a specific class. "I've learned a lot in Dr. Mitchell's class," she said. "I enjoy it because I know if I study, I'll get a good grade."

Sarah Miretti

Laura Tobens, business major, takes a break from Dr. Wes.



Dazed and confused, Tim May and Matt Powell, left, smile for the camera.





Brent Baker and Dick Baxter practice their leadership skills.

Dr. Rick Gray discusses the results of his latest exam with his class.

Urban Ministry

Elizabeth Rhine

This year the Urban Ministry department of TUFW has gone against the flow with its new program called Passages.

The Passages program was an effort made by TUFW to take a group of at risk young people and expose them to a college environment and activities not normally available to them.

Head of Urban Ministries Dr. Rick Gray said, "By enabling and equipping these young people today, we believe we will empower our community for tomorrow."



Ministries



Paul Kisner and Steve West show that they really are crazy enough to enjoy the odd culture of Schultz.

Cross-Cultural Ministry

Elizabeth Rhine

The Cross-Cultural ministries program has a mission—to help students fulfill God’s call for their lives.

Department head Dr. Roger Ringenberg said, “My goal ultimately is to have much more of an interest in Cross Cultural Ministries, especially a world kind of ministry no matter what their major is, and to have students open to the possibility to go wherever God wants them to go.”

In the future, Dr. Ringenberg hopes that Urban Ministry and Cross Cultural Ministry can combine to equip students more effectively in order to answer God’s call.



Taylor students practice their cross-cultural skills in Port Au Prince, Haiti.

Youth Ministry

Elizabeth Rhine

There is something unique about TUFW's youth ministry program, and that's the curriculum.

"There are very few colleges that offer a true youth ministry major," said department head Dr. Doug Barealow.

TUFW's curriculum centers around a core of 15 hours required for no other major except youth ministry. Courses like Recreational Ministry and Contemporary Youth Culture.

For the 10 current youth ministry majors this means a better education and preparation to make a difference in the lives of youths.



Russ Pawlowski is living proof that ministry leaves its sears.



Kent Morton contemplates his convictions.



Cleanliness really is next to godliness for Shawn Cline.



Pastoral power-huddle. Tim May, Jim Horning, Adam Carrigan and Nate Strunk prepare to take ministry by storm.

Ministries



Ben Polhemus practices his wise stare for future ministry work.

Christian Education

Elizabeth Rhine

Department head Dr. Doug Barcalow compared a Christian Education major to a skeleton. "It provides the structural value for other things to take place. Without the skeleton you have a nice ameba going off in all directions," Dr. Barcalow said.

Dr. Barcalow described Christian Education as the quiet major. It prepares students to do a lot of behind the scenes things.

Even though Christian Education may not be the flashiest major, it is a very important one. It will keep the church going in the same direction

Pastoral Ministry

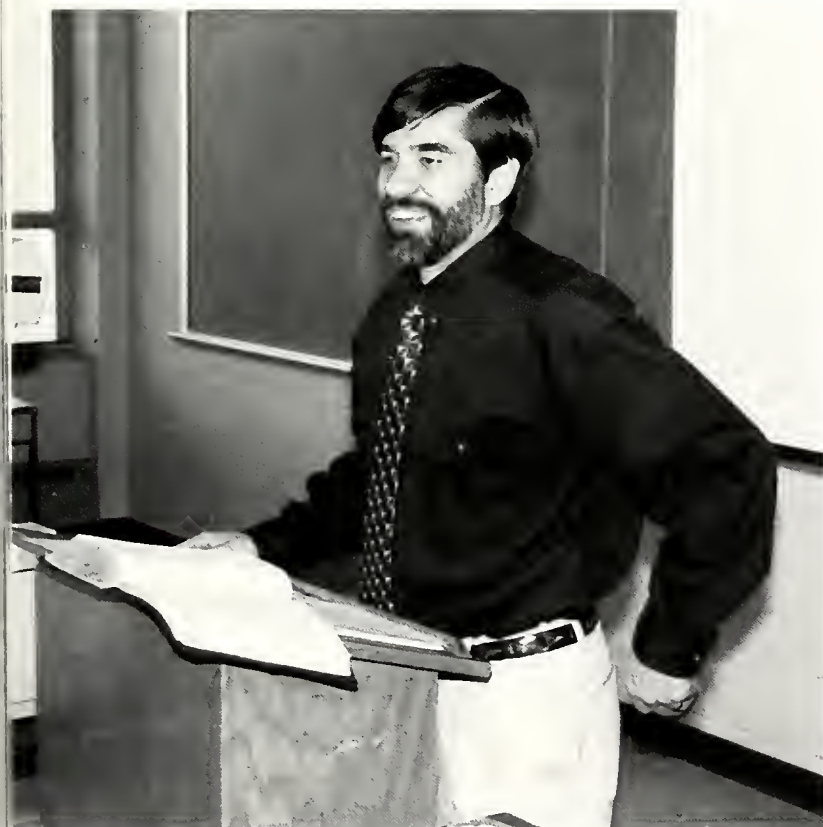
Elizabeth Rhine

There are some new things going on in Pastoral Ministries this year, not the least of which is that they, like other areas of the Christian Ministries department, have become a major all their own.

Department head Dr. David Biberstein feels that this change will help give students a greater sense of identity.

He also feels that having a pastoral ministry degree will communicate a specific message to others. Dr. Biberstein said, "It will say something to our culture and reinforce the importance of that major."

Other changes include the addition of two new classes and a new requirement, all of which further the effort to equip students enabling the fulfilment of God's call on their lives.



Dr. Roger Ringenberg discusses the finer points of theology.

Criminal Justice

One of America's number one problems is crime: Despite spending billions of dollars each year, the United States has found no real answers.

Although TUFW's Criminal Justice program doesn't claim to have all the solutions, according to department head Dr. Ron Powell, the program offers unique Christian liberal arts perspective will help make a difference.

As Dr. Powell says, "We don't have all the answers but we do have students who are serious about making a difference whether in law enforcement or a program that rehabilitates offenders."

Elizabeth Rhine



Josh Peters relaxes after a Dr. Powell test.



Dr. Jones teaches his class to tough it out.



Sandy Olenik is one serious criminal justice major.



Dan Wilkinson fakes a studious look for the camera.

Education

For many Elementary Education majors, fun is a major part of their learning experience at Taylor. "I love using the colorful manipulative aids," says sophomore Stephanie Basic. "Even though lots of people say it, I love to see that 'lightbulb moment,' when a child learns something that I've been teaching," agreed fellow sophomore Kari Reynolds. While having fun, the challenging professors and hours spent in field experiences are preparing today's students to be tomorrow's teachers.

Sarah Miretti



Dr. Jarvis is up to his old tricks as he teaches his class the finer points of teaching.



Lindsay Mills, Melissa Smead, Cammy Ulrich and Amanda Winans are happy teachers in the making.

Psychology

"I love Psychology because you really deal with people individually; you don't treat them all the same," said Melissa Ayers, a senior psychology major. And it's not only in the books that psych majors learn about the importance of each person, their professors give them living examples. "The profs care about what they're teaching, and they are willing to share their own experiences with us," continued Melissa. A major that understands people and cares—what could be better?

Sarah Miretti



Mary Besecker and Bonnie Spallinger have a bonding moment in the PJ lounge.



Dr. Martin shares his humor with the class.



Yvette Schat enjoys the sunny day and still gets her homework done.

General Studies



The studious Hoot strikes again.



Prof. Pam Jordan enjoys a moment of interaction.

One of the first ever video-conferencing class was held over J-term. Five Fort Wayne and four Upland students saw a glimpse of the future.

The class, Women's Search for Personhood, used special T.V. monitors and a document camera to allow students who are miles apart to interact with one another.

Student Courtney Heiser commented, "It was a really good experience, but there were some difficulties with the technology. Once that's solved, it will be a successful way to connect the two campuses."

Elizabeth Rhine

Spiritual Life



Whether in a Bible study that changes roommate relations, a Spiritual Emphasis week that changes class schedules, or mission

trips that change cultures, change has been widespread and deep at Taylor this year. "I think that after Spiritual Emphasis week was a time

of taking faith more seriously," said junior Jim Horning. "A lot of it was emotional high, but personally and for a lot of people that I've

talked to, it's lasted."

Sarah Miretti



Community Life

One of the greatest things about the community life at Taylor is the family atmosphere. "Because we spend so much of our lives together, my friends here are like my family away from home," said Lisa Hiller. That family atmosphere is made even more special by a shared love for Jesus. "I love having Christian friends that have the same beliefs," continued Lisa. Professor Michael Smith agrees. "There's a very high interest in spiritual growth," he said. "Our students have a genuine interest in the Lord."

Sarah Miretti



Decorating champions, Lindsay Mill's wing pose in triumph.



Weasel poses with two of his hippie chicks, Christy Georgopoulos and Estefana Ponce.

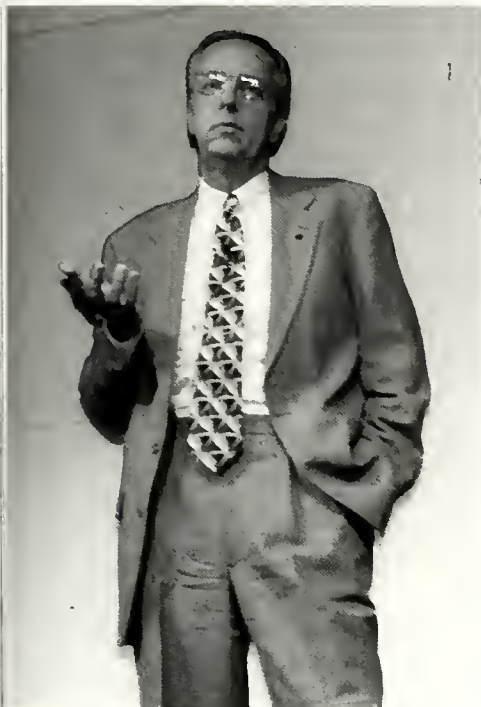


Memorable bonding and fellowship: Schultz women forget studying.



Eric Dunaway "lights up" for the Schultz Dinner Theater. It was all pretend.

Chapel

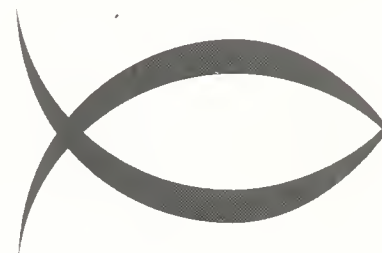


"How do you fill your God-shaped hole?" asked Lori Salerno. That was her question for students during a Spiritual Renewal week at TUFW.

Spiritual Renewal week provided a great opportunity for students to get out of the flow and examine their spiritual life.

Salerno encouraged students to get to know God personally. As sophomore Leah Pennington said, "He's the best friend you could ever have!"

Elizabeth Rhine



The *REAL* president: Dr. Bob presents another of his meaningful chapels. (top)

Roblyn Sligh makes the spirit come alive in chapel. (below)

Student Ministries

Courtney Heiser

Many TUFW students utilized spring break as an opportunity to minister. The Rev. Bud Hamilton took students to New York City, where they were able to evangelize in Greenwich Village. Meanwhile, Prof. Mark Vermilion accompanied a number of students to Mexico City. These students shared the message of Christ by doing manual labor, performing drama and building relationships with the nationals. Both groups had meaningful experiences serving the Lord.



The guys take time from the pressures of ministry to sit back and relax.



The love of Joy Davis, Erin Yazel, and Lindsay Mills shows no



TWO



Men of integrity. Mark Vermilion, Dave Arnold, Lance Stiver, Weasel Hammond and Gary Lundstrom enjoy the Mexican sun.



cultural barriers.



Estefana Ponce, Lindsay Mills and Dawn Renkenberger shine bright for Christ.

Student Ministries



The Haiti team shares a Kodak moment.



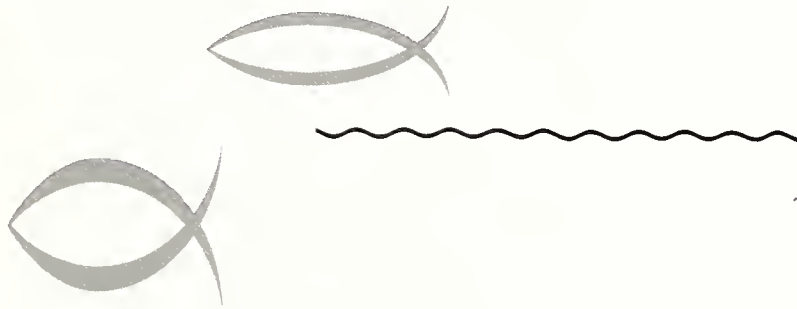
Sunburns, smiles, missions and classwork—the Haiti team pose for a picture.



TWO



The New York team provides the new top ten list for David Letterman.



All that and a bag of chips! The New York team struts their stuff.

Student

Teaching Sunday school, distributing food to hungry people, working with children or playing basketball on Sunday afternoons, Taylor students this year worked hard to make an impact on their community. In a world that sometimes gets caught up in itself, these students are busy going against the flow.



Bonnie Spallinger lends a helping hand to WBCL's Easter basket community service project.



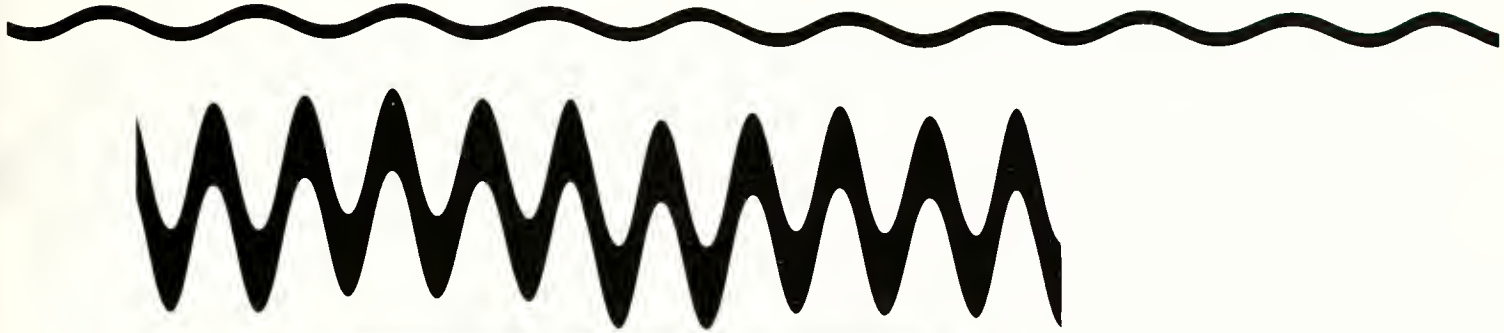
Senior Jen Neild gets some Christmas cheer from her Kid's Club friend, Tammile. (right top)



Sarah Miretti and her friend Ashley flash smiles. (right bottom)



Involvement



There's more to Adam Carrigan than canteens and army gear.



John Ekrote wrestles with some Project Incentive kids.

Taylor Athletics



Inexperience. Hard Work. Great wins. Disappointing losses. These are some of the phrases that characterize this year's Taylor

Universities Fort Wayne athletics.

With only a handful of seniors, two new coaches and a majority of freshmen, inexperience and building for the future were the overriding themes of this year's varsity athletics.

Whether playing on the intramural fields or at a varsity level, TUFW athletes strive to go against the current of other sports' programs.

Winning is important. But personal relationships and a Christ-like atmosphere are the real rewards of TUFW athletics.

Bob Hamilton



Soccer



The soccer team huddles for a prayer before going into battle.



Senior co-captain Bob Hamilton uses his lightning fast "cutback" to juke another offender.



Senior co-captain Nate Hoot braces himself for a vicious chop to the leg.



Russ Gerber raises his arm in celebration after another assist to Rick Merrill.



Rick Merrill: Danger with pumpkin seeds.

A new coach, a young team, and solid competition provided early challenges for the Falcons. But this was nothing new for senior captains Nate Hoot and NCCAA I All-district sweeper Bob Hamilton.

"Quite frankly, the beginning of the season was pretty frustrating for me," said senior captain Nate Hoot. "Because there was so much inexperience, we were not jelling together as a team. Thanks to the patience of coach Castillo and everyone's positive attitudes, we really turned the season around. This was definitely the best of my four years here!"

After losing a series of one-goal games early in the season, the Falcons went against the trend of the past seasons and turned the last half of the season around, winning five and tying one of their last eight games.

Special Awards:

Offensive Player of the Year - Rick Merrill

Defensive Player of the Year - Bob Hamilton

Most Improved Player - Jim Taylor

Positive Attitude Award - Nate Hoot

Most Valuable Player - Bob Hamilton

NCCAA I All-Regional Team-Bob Hamilton(Sweeper)

Rick Merrill(Striker)



A Taylor tradition: Kevin and his horn.

Volleyball

The 1996 Lady Falcon Volleyball season saw its share of ups and downs, trials and success. With only sophomores Amanda Chapman and Jahna Behrends returning, and six inexperienced freshman, times were tough at the start. But with hard work and a lot of dedication, things settled down.

The season was summed up in the Lady Falcons' final game against Barret College. The Lady Falcons had been beaten soundly by Barret earlier in the season, but on this Saturday the ladies put it together. Although they could not pull out the victory, they played with the heart and effort they had shown the potential for all season.

When asked about next year's team, coaches Anne and Scott Haddix replied. "With eight returning players and several incoming freshman, we are looking forward to an exciting season next fall."

Elizabeth Decker returns the ball.



Taylor teamwork strikes fear into the hearts of opponents.

Minta Woll puts some extra effort into the game.



Rebecca Smedes and Emily Mahorney show their teamwork.



Taylor's team gets ready to return the ball with a vengeance.



Men's Basketball

The Falcon men's 9-15 basketball record for the 1996-1997 season didn't quite paint an accurate picture of coach Bud Hamilton's team. With only one senior, center and team captain Carl Wunsch, the Falcon roster was peppered with young and inexperienced players. Even so, they were competitive in almost all of their games, taking more experienced teams down to the wire.

Despite their inexperience, the team made history as the first Falcon team ever advancing to the finals where they played in the Moody Bible Institute tournament.

So while the season might have brought a few more gray hairs for coach Hamilton, it also brought some much needed experience and excitement.

Rick Merrill



Mike Donovan shows off one of his amazing talents—blowing bubbles!

Rob Stephens shoots over the outstretched arms of a defender.



Shawn "Flip" Henry looks on as senior captain Carl Wunsch makes a diving save.





Rick Merrill eats some fine cafeteria food before the big game.



Scott Brunsting, Travis Kraft, Damon Strange, Carl Wunsch, Bud Hamilton (back)
Mike Donovan, Jay Wilkins, Brian Emelander, Kyle Zimmerman, Rick Merrill (center)
Dave Astman, Kevin Damesworth, Rob Stephens, Shawn "Flip" Henry (front)

Women's Basketball



From left to right, Minta Woll, Polly Arnold, Shani Gray, and Kelly DeWald talk strategy before the big game.



Freshman Kelly DeWald, MVP spots up for a five-foot junper.



Polly Arnold takes a moment to pose before preparing to shoot a two-pointer.



Women's basketball team pictured from left to right: Shani Gray, Michelle Mendez, Kelly DeWald, Minta Woll, and Polly Arnold. Not pictured are: Nicole Wireman, Catherine Beers, Estefana Ponce, Christine Long.



Sophomore Shani Gray displays some attitude.

Cheerleading



Team unity. That was the goal for the Falcons cheerleading squad during the 1996-1997 season. Team captains Tui Walcott, senior, and Jeremy Thomas, sophomore, led the squad of five stunt holders and seven cheerleaders.

"It was great to see everyone growing not only in their own cheerleading talents, but in their maturity," said coach Holly Laster. "It was an honor for me to coach such a team this year."



It takes perseverance to climb to the top.

A job well done.





son Roton and Phillsun Kim entertain the
ns.



The Taylor Falcon 1996-97 cheerleading squad.



aylor's lifters help the cheerleaders reach new heights.

Softball



Sophomore Heather Gunderson keeps her eyes glued on the ball. (above)

Freshman Emily Mahorney fires a strike on the inside corner. (above right)

Junior Sandy Olenik prepares to crush the ball to left field. (right)



Baseball



The 1997 Falcons baseball team made great strides. With new equipment and facilities and strong freshman participation, the baseball team is one step closer towards its goal of becoming a varsity sport.

Led by player/coach Scott Haddix and senior captain Bob Hamilton, the Falcons enjoyed another winning season. With numerous returning players and a strong and talented core of upperclassmen, the Falcons look forward to another great season next year.

Kevin Damesworth fires a fastball.



Baseball team (left to right) Back row: John Engler, Ben Polhemus, Jay Wilkins, Josh Peters, Mark Hammond. (left to right) Front row: Kevin Damesworth, Shawn "Flip" Henry, Shawn Cline, Shawn Hicks, Bob Hamilton. Not pictured: Matt Powell, CD Woods, Kyle Zimmerman, and Rob Vickery.

Intramurals



Floor hockey players pause before a game for a moment of prayer. (above)

Kevin DeVries looks on as Lance Stiver displays some fancy stick work. (above right)

Freshman sensation Scott Hutchinson snags Ryan Chrisman's backhander. (right)

The 1996 intramural floor hockey regular season was surprisingly won by the Off-Campus team, "Armageddon." Senior goal tender John Zucher led the way for "Armageddon" as he stymied the league in the net. Jim Taylor's Wing, "Your Moms" won the post-season tournament. For the fourth consecutive year Lance Stiver was chosen MVP as he led the league in scoring.



Intramural football proved to be a historic event this fall. For the first time, the Off-campus team "Armageddon" pulled together and posted an amazing mark of 9-0-1, the best intramural football record Taylor Fort Wayne has ever seen.

Led by MVP Jason Berkhalter and a senior-dominated offensive and defensive attack, "Armageddon" steamrolled the field.

Several records were broken during the season. Mark "Weasel" Hammond grabbed 10 interceptions for a new record. Jason Berkhalter broke Jim Taylor's touchdown record with 11 touchdowns and junior quarterback Jon Varnell threw for a record setting 20 touchdown passes. Overall, this year's football season proved to be a fun time for everyone involved.

By: Lance Christian Stiver



Greg "Skippy" Mengelt attempts to avoid linebackers Russ Pawlowski and Josh Peters.



Paul Kisner snaps the ball as Dave Arnold and CD Woods prepare to block.

Sports Awards



Senior Bob Hamilton received awards for team MVP, defensive MVP and the All-Regional team.



Women's Basketball

Polly Arnold, 1st year
Kelly DeWald, 1st year
Shani Gray, 1st year
Kristie Long, 1st year

Estefana Ponce, 1st year
Minta Woll, 1st year
Nicole Wireman, 2nd year
Michelle Mendez, 3rd year
Catherine Beers, 4th year
Most Valuable Player-Kelly DeWald

Most Improved Player-Polly Arnold
Mental Attitude-Shani Gray
Captain Award-Michelle Mendez

Cheerleading

Leora Adams, 1st year
Jennifer Diehl, 1st year
Charisa Piety, 1st year
Kira Rubin, 1st year
Erin Yazel, 1st year
Mason Shewman, 1st year
Phil Hutson, 1st year

Timothy May, 1st year
Jason Roton, 1st year
Amanda Chapman, 2nd year
Estefana Ponce, 2nd year
Jeremy Thomas, 2nd year
Tui Walcott, 4th year
Captain Award-Tui Walcott, Jeremy Thomas



Senior Carl Wunsch received awards for team MVP and All-District team.



Nicole "I-can-take-Wunsch-any-day" Wireman looks to feed the ball into the post.

Volleyball

Jeannie Byers, 1st year
Elizabeth Decker, 1st year
Emily Mahorney, 1st year
Laura Tobens, 1st year
Jenny Wells, 1st year
Minta Woll, 1st year
Amanda Chapman, 2nd year
Jana Behrends, 2nd year
Most Valuable Player-Amanda Chapman
Defensive Player-Amanda Chapman
Offensive Player-Jenny Wells

Soccer

Dan Beach, 1st year
Glenn Hawley, 1st year
Phillsun Kim, 1st year
Timothy May, 1st year
Samuel Shawver, 1st year
Jim Taylor, 1st year
Ryan Chrissman, 2nd year
Russ Gerber, 2nd year
Matt Miller, 2nd year
Rick Merrill, 3rd year
Matt Powell, 3rd year
Nathan Hoot, 4th year

Bob Hamilton, 4th year
Most Valuable Player-Bob Hamilton
Defensive Player-Bob Hamilton
Offensive Player-Rick Merrill
Most Improved Player-Jim Taylor
Mental Attitnde-Nathan Hoot
All-Regional Team-Bob Hamilton,
Rick Merrill

Men's Basketball
Brian Emelander, 1st year
Kevin Damesworth, 1st year
Micah Lackland, 1st year

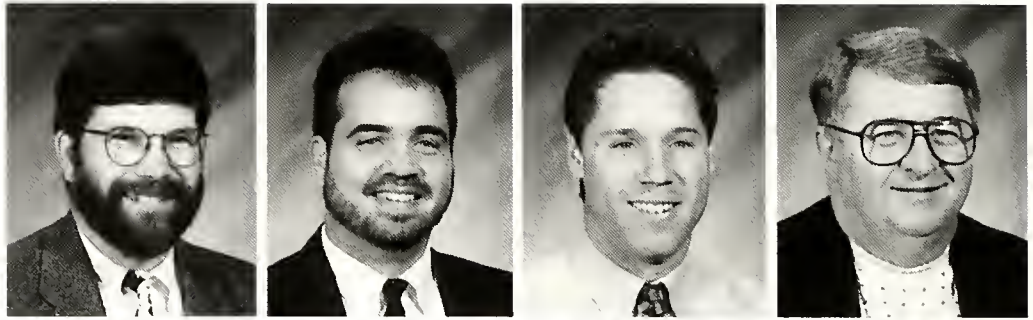
Damon Strange, 1st year
Jay Wilkins, 1st year
Kyle Zimmerman, 1st year
Mike Donovan, 1st year
Rick Merrill, 2nd year
Travis Kraft, 3rd year
Carl Wunsch, 4th year
Most Valuable Player-Carl Wunsch
Most Improved Player-Jay Wilkins
All-District Team-Carl Wunsch

People

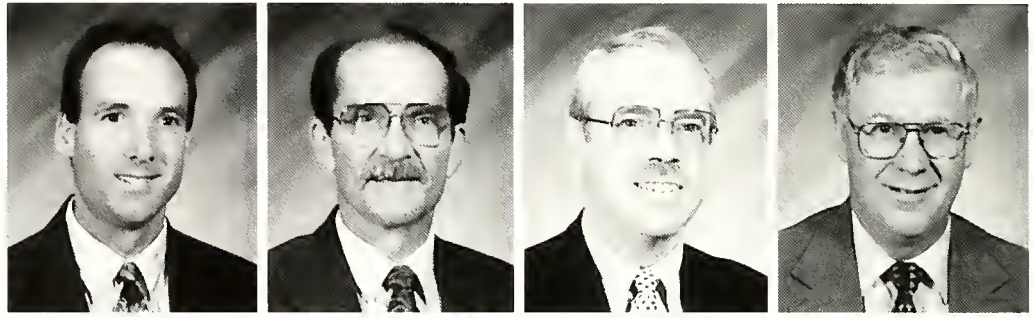




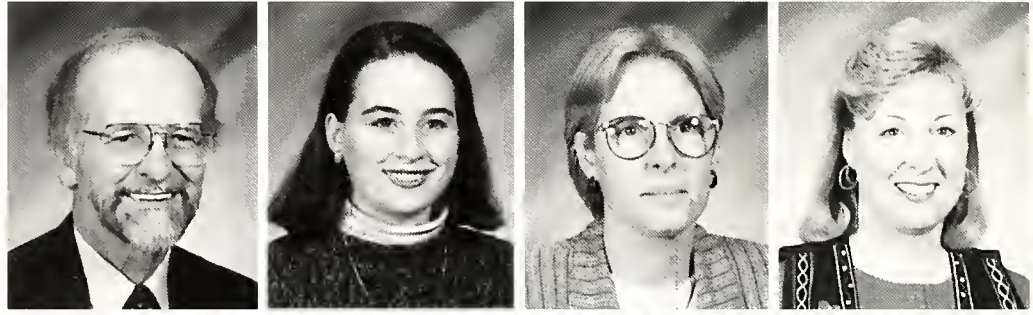
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 Mark Barnes
 Brent Baker
 Dick Baxter



Jim Beard
 Tom Beckner
 Chuck Belknap
 David Biberstein



Alan Birkey
 Peggy Brown
 Shanna Chapman
 Becky Corbitt



Phyllis Courtright
 Janet Elwood
 Patti Favorite
 Ronald Flack



Bill Gerig
 Luann Glen
 Bud Hamilton
 Don Hamm



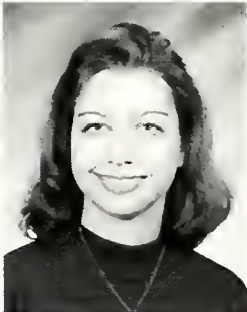
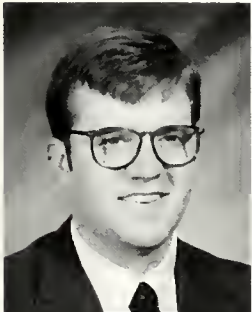
Faculty/Staff



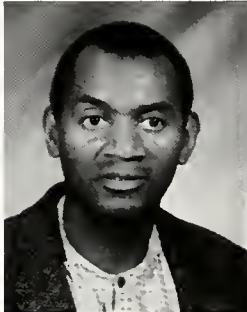
Going against the current is about vision. At TUFW students look to the faculty to point people to Christ through a godly vision of what can be. Students watch their professors in and out of the classroom for evidence of genuineness. When they see consistency, they are encouraged to model Christian character. This insider's view makes an investment in their own spiritual development that others will be watching in the days ahead.

Dr. Dennis E. Hensley glances at his notes as he prepares his students to have "the eye of the tiger," a phrase he uses to motivate his students to excel.

Dr. Roger Ringenberg shields his eyes from the sun's glare as he watches the Taylor soccer team dominate the field.



Mike Hammond
 Sherri Harter
 Lorissa Hoot
 Polly Jacobs



Bill Jarvis
 Kim Johnson
 Joeseph Jones
 Pam Jordan

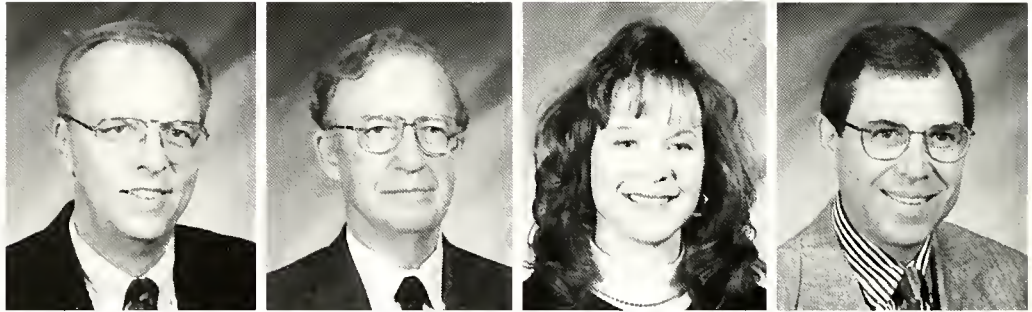
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 Linda Newman



Debra Marquardt
 Sarah Matthew
 C. Joe Martin
 Hadley Mitchell



Robert Nienhuis
 Pat Patterson
 Lisa Paul
 Jay Platte



Ronald Powell
 Bruce Pratt
 Dotsy Pressler
 Steve Resch



Roger Ringenberg
 Agnes Saddington
 Jim Saddington
 Eve Schmidt



Dr. Richard Gray sports his signature dark sunglasses in his Evangelism and Discipleship class lecture.



Dr. William Jarvis, associate professor of education, puts some emotion into his class lecture. Students know him as the teacher's teacher.



John Schutt
 Deb Shaw
 Caroline Simmons
 Michael Smith

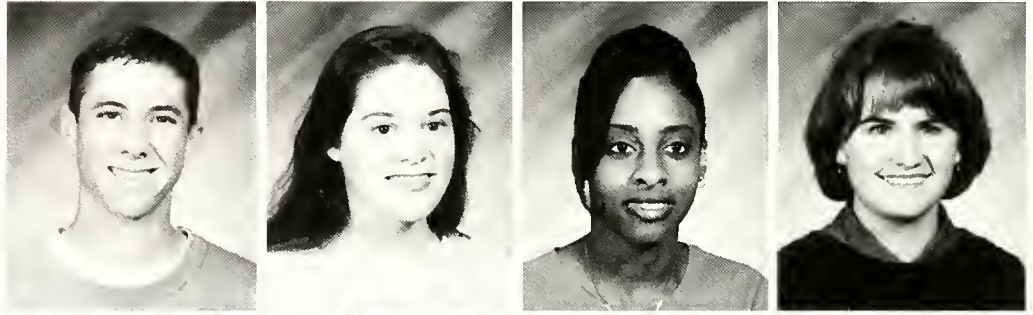


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Robert Casault
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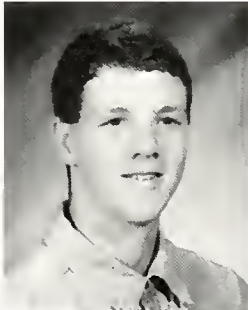
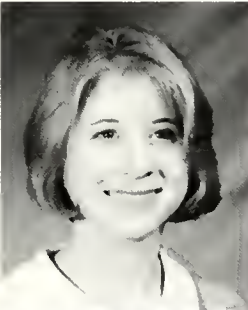
Freshmen

Roller-blading in the parking garage, late-night hockey games, and lunch room entertainment. Those are just a few freshman class memories. This year's freshman class turned TUFW on its nose with their lively spirit and crazy antics. As freshman Heather VanDeraa puts it, "I will always remember this because of the late-night visits to Steak 'n' Shake and tag in Meijer. We can do crazy little things that are really fun. That makes college life special." Liz Rhine



Freshman Glen Hawley sports his finest at the Black Tie Dinner. (above)

Left to right, freshman Vanessa Benson and Lesley Zimmerman toast their friendship with a cup of coffee and a hug.

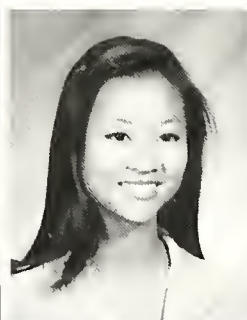
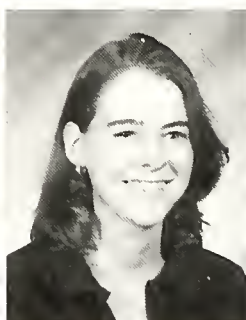
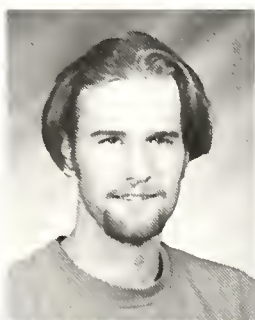


Cory Green
Sara Gross
Sean Guise
Glen Hawley

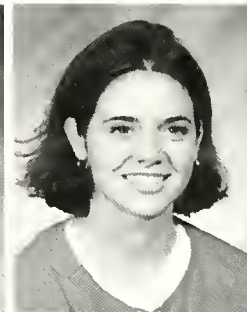
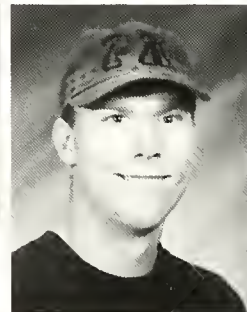


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Mercy Henning
Jill Himes
Scott Hutchinson

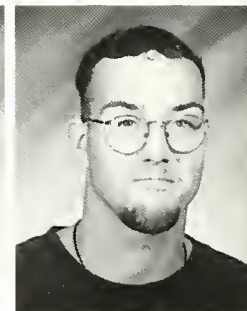
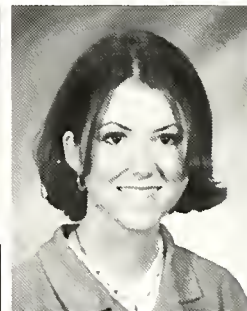
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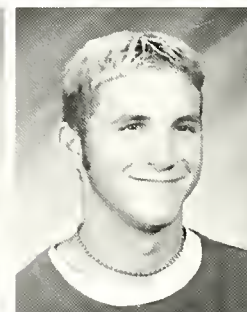
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Natalie Layman



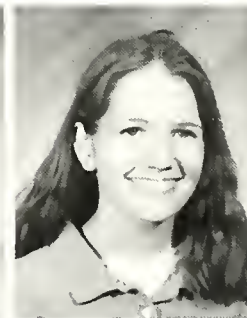
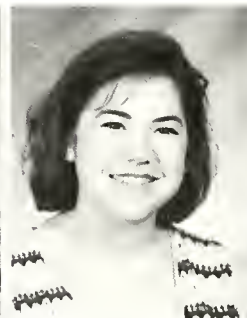
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Timothy May



Jozi Miller
Julie Nussbaum
Theresa Pancake
Russell Pawlowski



Christina Pitts
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Kimberly Radcliff
Dawn Renkenberg





Tim May straps on skates in preparation for another grueling night of floor hockey.



Freshman Bryan Narwich recharges himself at Taylor's dining commons.

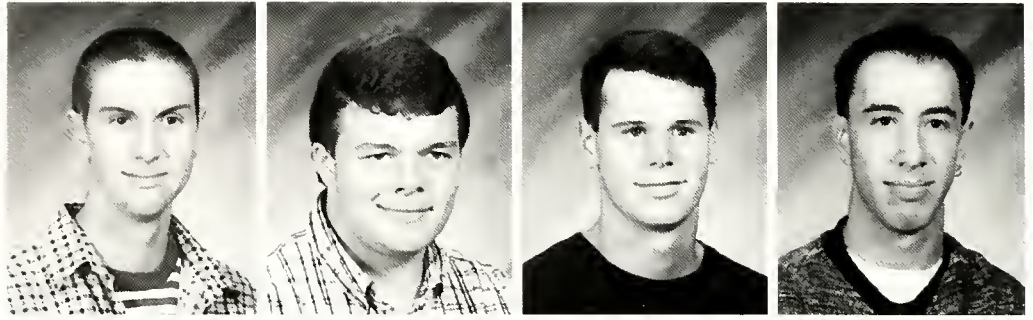


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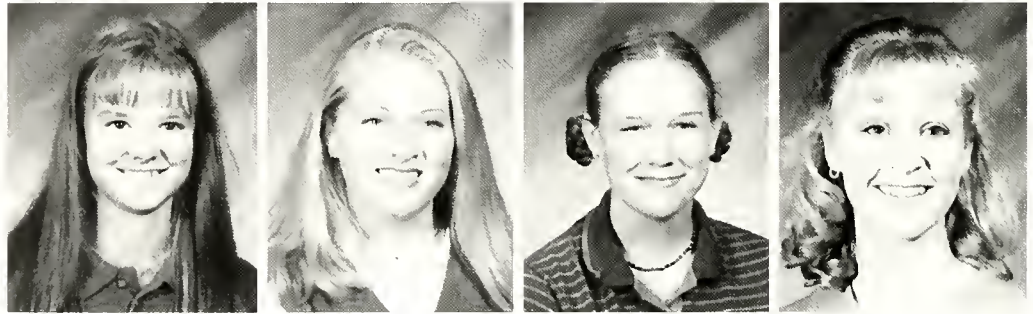
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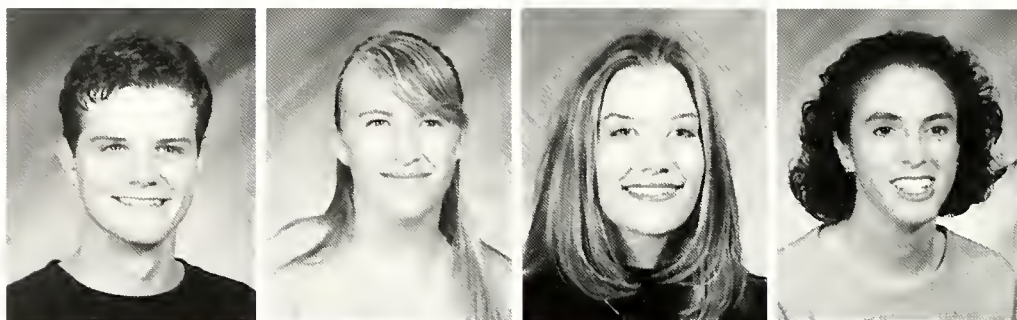


A student never knows who might drop in during the semester.

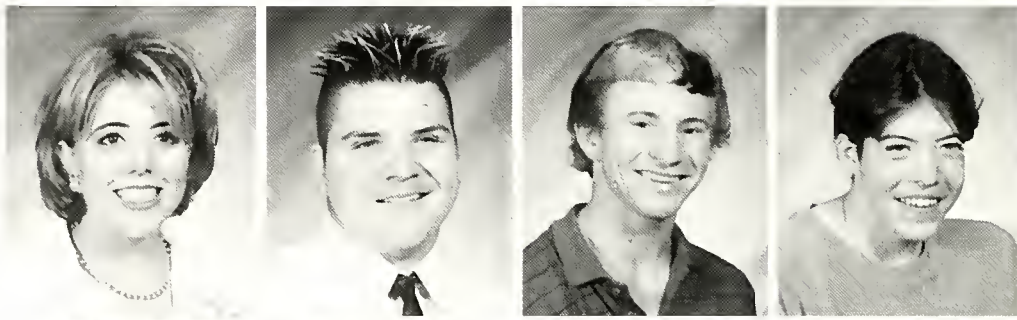


Left to right, Kelly Dewald and Jill Himes kick back and relax in their dorm room at Hausser Hall.

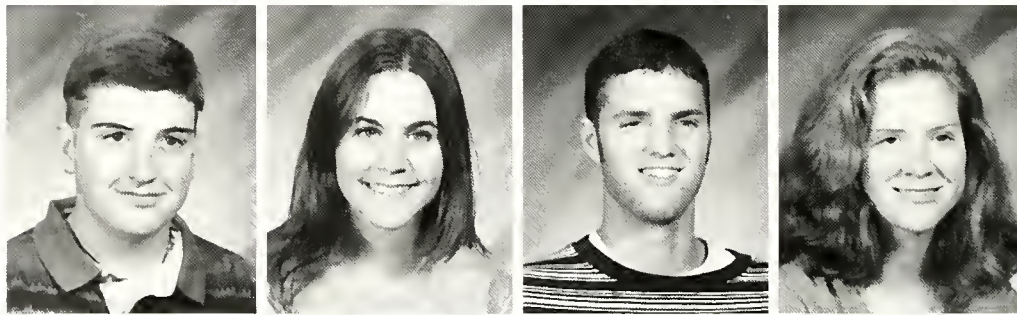
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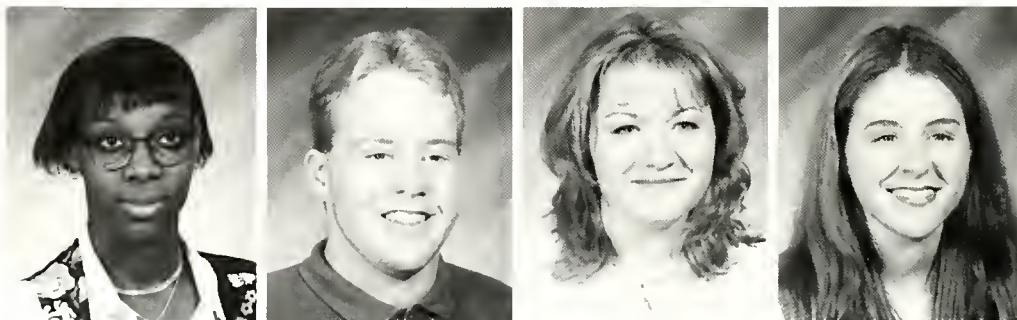
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 Kristyn Dunnaback



Amy Duplain
 Blake Eickhorst
 Kimberly Ervin
 Chrissi Georgopolus



Shani Gray
 Warren Groscost
 Heather Gunderson
 Courtney Heiser





Sophomores



For some, sophomore year marks a time to buckle down and get serious. For others, the carefree fun of freshman year continues.

Kristyn Dunnaback sums it up like this: "I'll remember midnight chats with my friends, realizing how meaningful it is to open up to them, and seeing how God continues to work in all our lives simultaneously."

As they reach the halfway mark, this year's sophomore class looks forward to seeing how God continues to work in their lives.

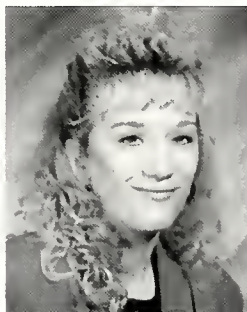
Left to right, Leah Pennington, Bryan Narwich and Courtney Heiser spread some Christmas cheer.



Mark Johnson spends a beautiful afternoon in the sunshine.



Shawna Hickman
Lisa Hiller
Tisha Hubbard
Mark Johnson



Elizabeth Knee
Derek Lay
Robin Lewis
Raymond McCune

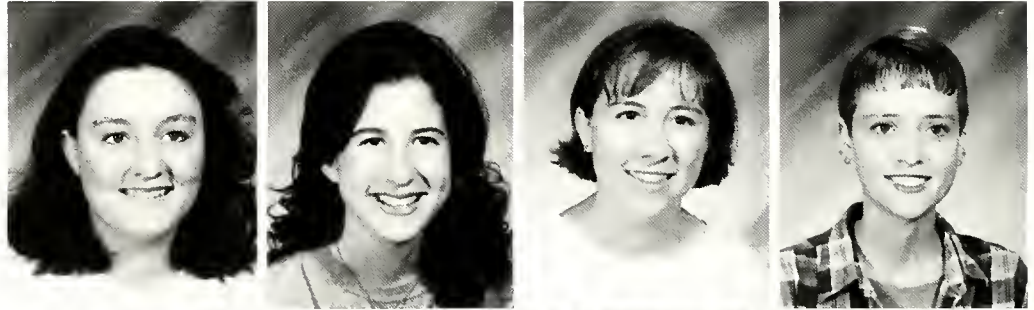
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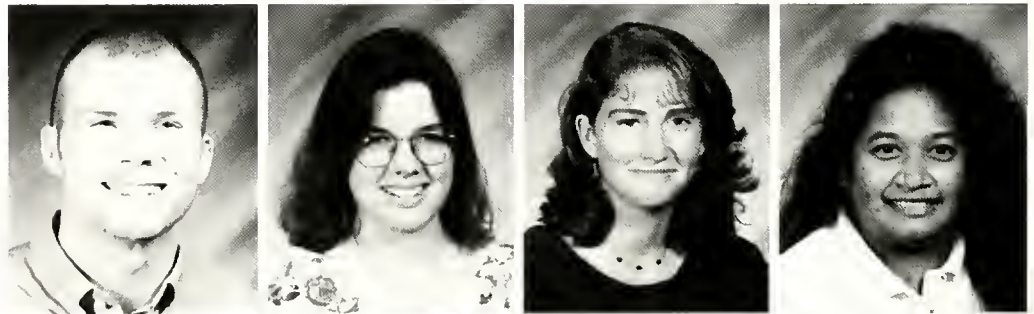
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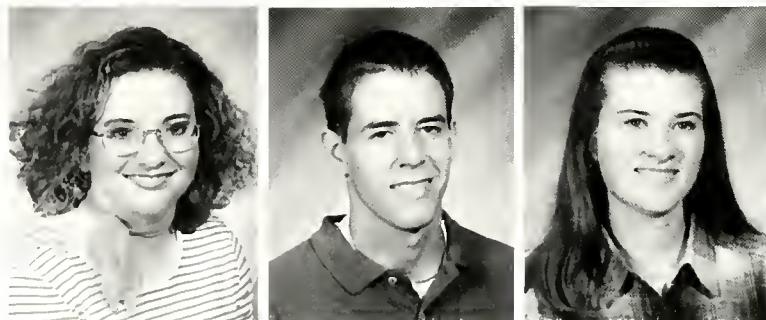
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Rebecca Smedes

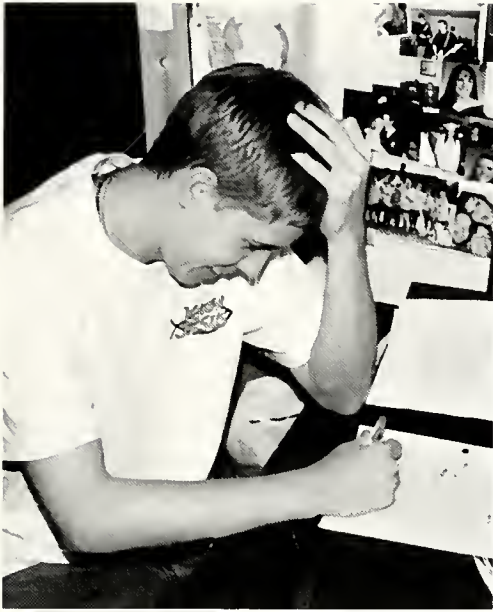


Shawn Smith
Melissa Stump
Traci Todd
Karen Tilkaran



Christina West
Dan Wilkinson
Erica Yoder





Dan Wilkinson flashes a smile as he reads his latest love letter.

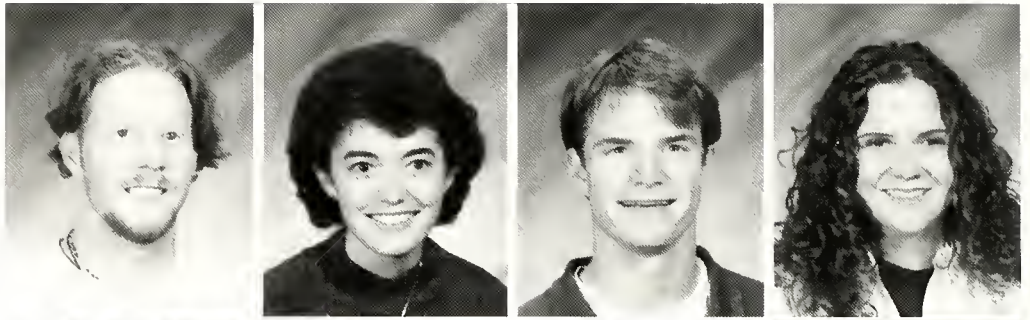


Left to right, Vitaly Franko and Hermalena Mines enjoy a night out on the town with Schultz's second north wing.

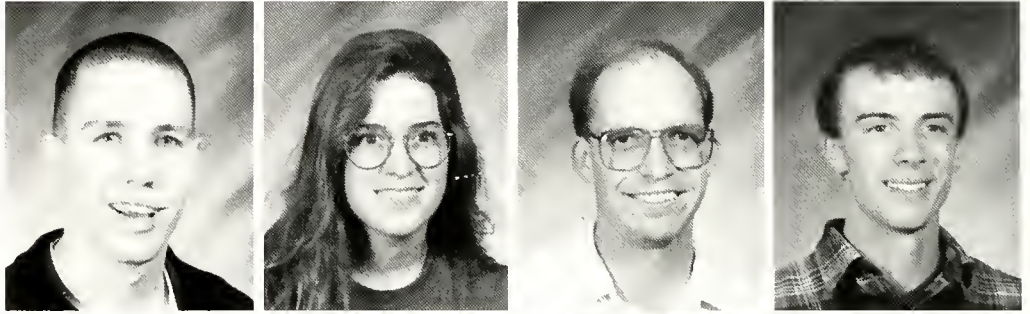


"Mister John" Eckrote poses with kids from Brookmill Courts.

David Arnold
 Melissa Ayers
 Jason Barthelemy
 Mary Besecker



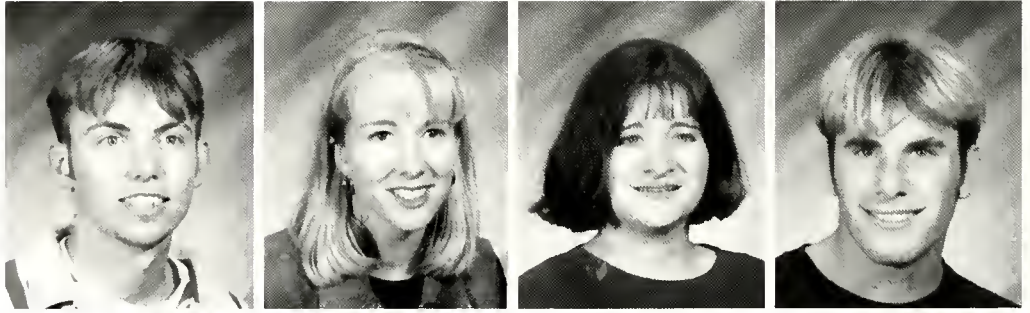
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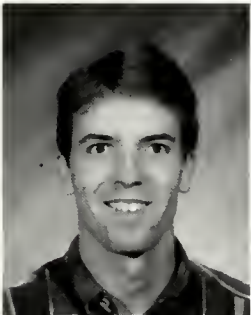
Juniors



Sarah Burke escapes to the outdoors to spend some time with God.



Paul Kisner gives a thumbs up to the camera, while Steve West gives two fingers down to Paul.



Kent Norr
Trent Reimschisel
Melissa Smead
Ryan Smith



Bonnie Spallinger
David Sylvester
Camille Ulrich

Erin (Jones) Varnell
Amanda Winans
Jennifer Woolever



Chelsea Winowiski, left, and Aimee LaDrigue enjoy the surprising beauty of Schultz Hall's transformed lounge.

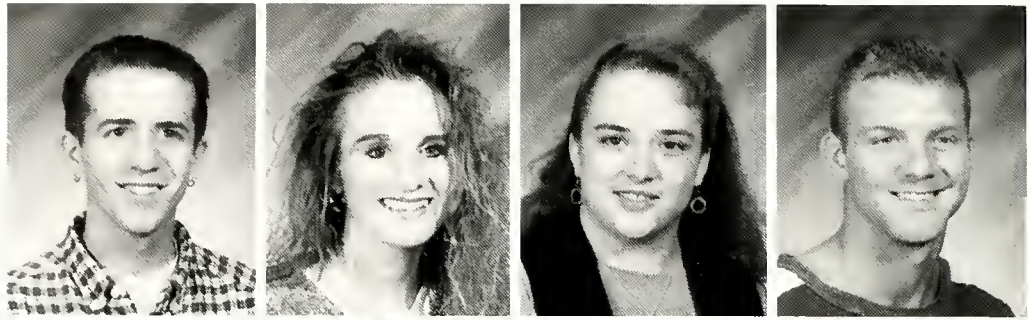


Junior Jason Barthelemy is looking good with his newly grown beard and irresistible smile.



Amanda Winans, left, and Melissa Smead are glad to escape their desks and get some sun.

Matt Adams
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 Catherine Beers
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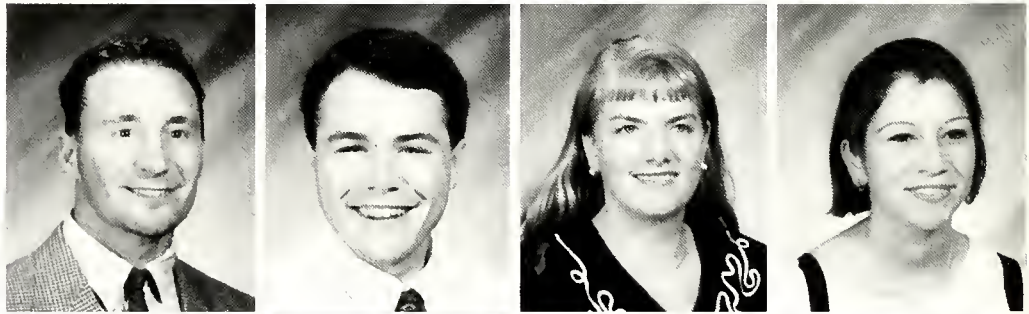
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 Michelle Mendez



Kathy (Benz) Peters
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 Maryanne Rich
 Gary Rowland



Seniors

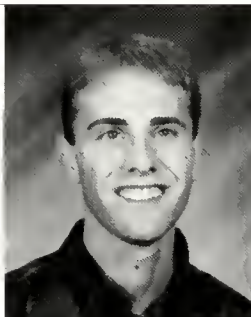
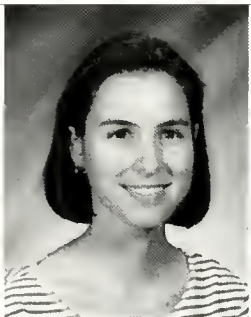
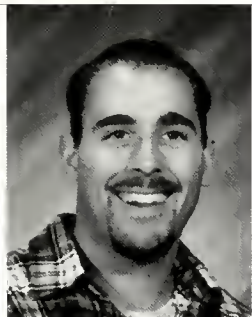


From pranks in the dorms, apartments off campus, Dr. Wes and Dr. Mitchell, seniors have weathered it all. And they've done it well. It's been great to see our friends grow and change. We know you'll miss the cafeteria, but good luck in the "real world."

Senior Beleyou Selassie poses for the camera as she exits her humble abode.



Senior Scott Brunsting is "up close and personal."



Nuria Sanchez
Jeremy Short
Megan Smith
Lance Stiver



Evelyn Teddy
Patricia Wasmuth
Beth Wheeler




Express newspaper business manager Leah Pennington, left, top, fraternizes with Courtney Heiser, Vine co-editor Liz Rhine responds to her achievement, middle photograph, while sports editor Bob Hamilton, right, pauses from the action during an awards dinner. Below, Herff Jones representative Julie Taylor lines up for a group hug with some of the yearbook staff.






Yearbook



The Vine staff adopted the motto "No Vine before its time" for the 1996-1997 academic year. Adviser Michael Smith said the students enlisted the help of classmates to become honorary staff members. TUFW students and faculty loaned personal photographs to make the publication a group enterprise.



"Unbelievable," cries Vine co-editor Sarah Miretti as the academic year drew to a close.



Photography editor Kristyn Dunnaback smiles with relief as her assignments come to an end.



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